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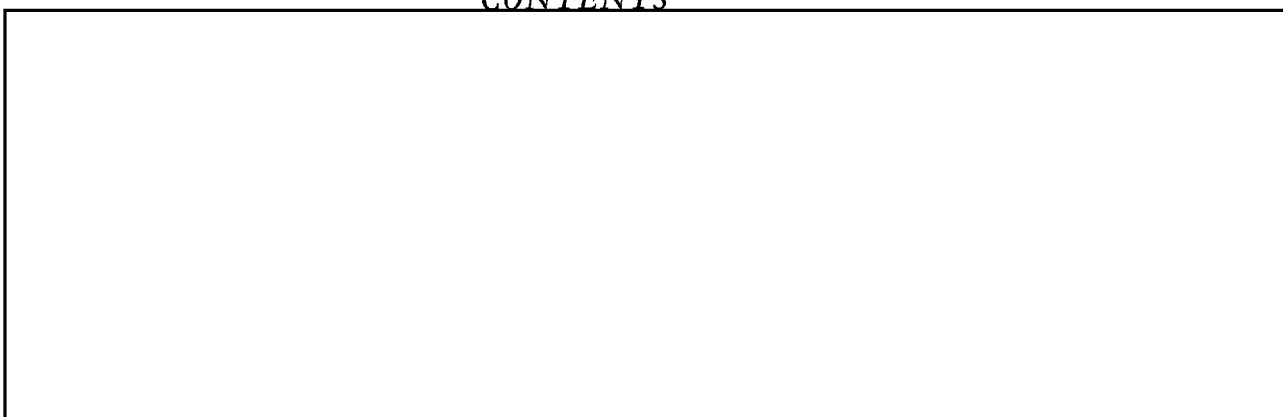
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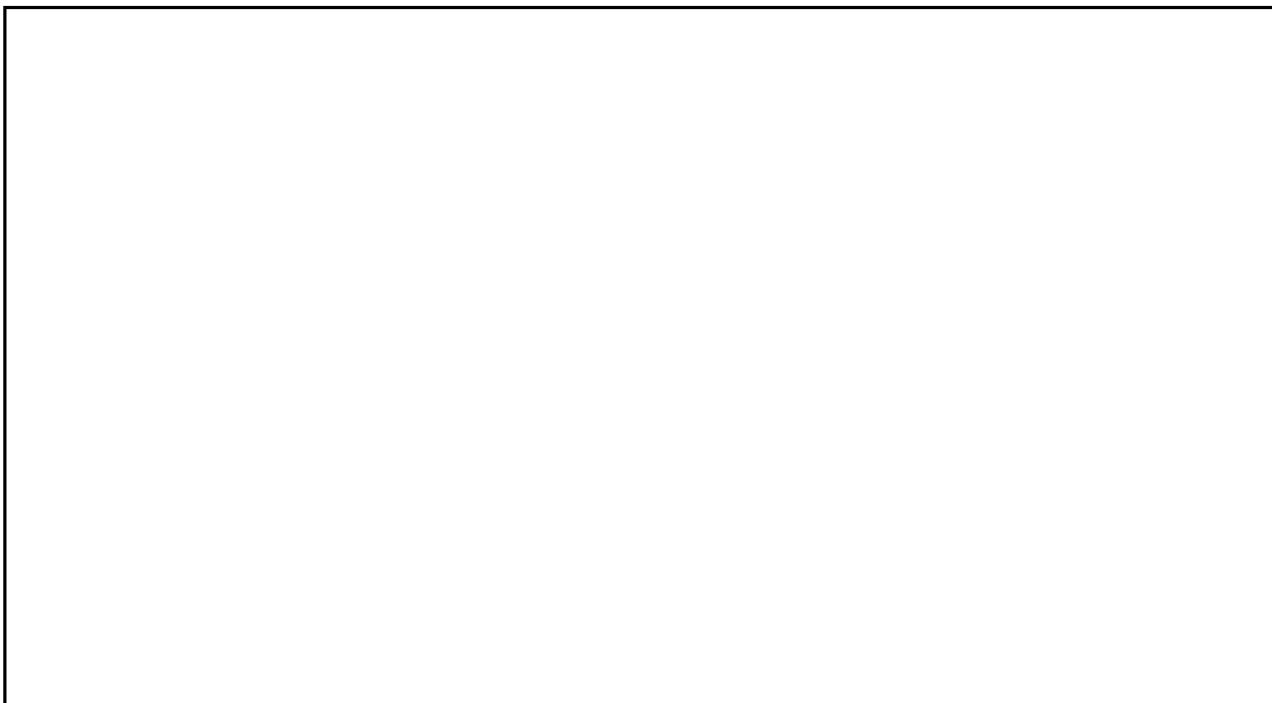
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*Jordan-Iraq: A projected increase in the number of Iraqi troops in Jordan could inhibit King Husayn's ability to cope with the fedayeen.

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The Iraqi forces in Jordan carefully stood aside during last February's confrontation between the Jordanian Government and the fedayeen. They are unlikely to intervene against the King in any similar conflict unless the fedayeen were obviously coming out on top, although they routinely furnish the fedayeen with arms and other support.

Husayn cannot be certain that Iraq's hands-off policy will continue, however. He may well become more wary of attempting to crack down on the fedayeen, who are already reported to be largely disregarding the "settlement" arrived at last February.

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